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SUBJECT: INDONESIA AND ICCS

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1. IN CALL ON STATE SECRETARY SUDHARMONO MAY 17 I
RAISED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM
ICCS (REFTELS) EXPRESSING STRONG USG HOPE THAT GOI WOULD
NOT TAKE SUCH A PRECIPITOUS STEP AND, IF CONTEMPLATED,
NOT DO SO WITHOUT FULLEST CONSULTATIONS WITH US. I
FURTHER STATED THAT WE BELIEVE PRESENCE OF ICCS, AND
PARTICULARLY OF INDONESIA, HAS PREVENTED SERIOUS WORSENING
OF SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM, AND GAVE HIM COPY OF LETTER
I HAD SENT MALIK (WHICH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER). I OFFERED TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT
SUHARTO IF SUDHARMONO THOUGHT THAT APPROPRIATE AND
MENTIONED MY SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE UTILITY OF US
VIET NAM/ICCS EXPERT COMING TO INDONESIA TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS.

2. SUDHARMONO EXPLAINED THAT MASHURI PUBLIC STATEMENT
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(REF A) WAS EXPRESSION OF LONG-STANDING GOI POSITION,

WITH WHICH WE FAMILIAR, THAT INDONESIA SERVES IN ICCS WITH EXPECTATION TWO SIDES WILL MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, AND THAT INDONESIA WILL WITHDRAW IF SITUATION WORSENS TOO MUCH. SUDHARMONO MADE CLEAR THAT THE HAD EXPECTED MY DEMARCHE ON ICCS, AND HAD EVEN INFORMED PRESIDENT IN ADVANCE OF PROBABLE SUBJECT MATTER.

3. SUDHARMONO APPEARED TO WELCOME IDEA OF EXCP NGE OF VIEWS WITH US EXPERTS, AND THEN REMARKED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO WERE TO MEET SOON, AND THAT GOI WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY SUCH MEETING, AND US PLANS FOR IMPROVING CHANCES OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN VIET NAM. HE SAID IT IMPORTANT FOR BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC INDONESIAN REASONS THAT INDONESIA REMAIN IN ICCS ONLY IF THERE IS CLEAR INDICATION OF MOVEMENT TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THEY ENTERED ICCS TO FURTHER THAT SETTLEMENT. ONLY PROGRESS TO DATE HAS BEEN ON POWS; ALL ELSE SEEMS TO BE GOING DOWN HILL BUT ANY INDICATION OF NEW EFFORTS TO GET SIDES TOGETHER WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN MALIK, WHO ABROAD UNTIL MAY 23, SUDHARMONO OFFERED TO ASSIST IN CHANNELING TO HIGHEST GOI LEVELS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE WISHED MAKE AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: MEETING WITH SUDHARMONO, WHO CAN GENERALLY BE ASSUMED TO BE SPEAKING FOR PRESIDENT SUHARTO, CONFIRMED MY IMPRESSION THAT GOI INDEED SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PULLING OUT OF ICCS AND THAT THIS IS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL TIME FOR THIS ISSUE. THIS REINFORCES MY BELIEF IN DESIRABILITY ACTION ALONG LINES RECOMMENDED IN REF B. I FURTHER BELIEVE ALL OTHER MAJOR ACTIONS TOWARD INDONESIA, INCLUDING FINAL ESTABLISHMENT FY 1974 MAP LEVELS, SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT.

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